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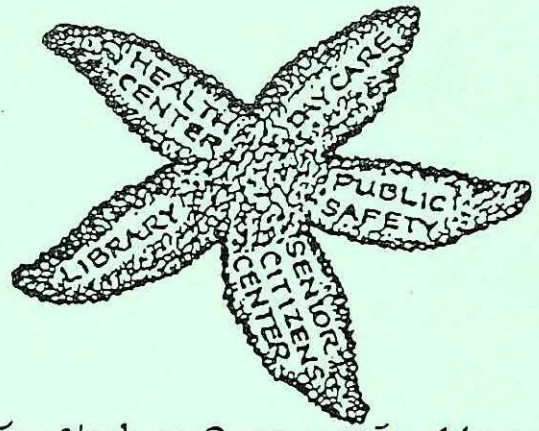
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Peaks Island STAR



Newsletter of the Island's Service Agencies & other Community News

December 2010

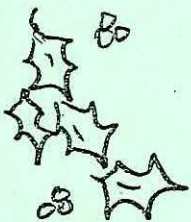
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Peaks Island Land Preserve

On October 3rd, a bronze plaque was installed at Battery Steele. The plaque commemorates the purchase of the Battery by the Peaks Island Land Preserve 15 years ago. It was the threatened development of the Battery and with it the potential loss forever of a much loved and often used open space that was the catalyst for the formation of PILP. Battery Steele was the Land Preserve's first of many acquisitions. In addition the plaque honors and names the individuals who were instrumental in the effort to raise the money for the purchase of Battery Steele, for it was their hard work and the very generous contributions of the many individual donors that enabled this property to be preserved forever as a recreational and historical site for the use and enjoyment of all.

The plaque reads "Battery Steele. Purchased for the community of Peaks Island by the Peaks Island Land Preserve July 20, 1995. Board of Directors Ralph Ashmore, Tom Bohan, Clare Cary, Irene Church, Betty Heller, Henry Meyers, Albert Presgraves, Diane Ricciotti, Ted Schmidt, Donald Webster, and John Whitman" The plaque was conceived of by Norm Proulx, board member and vice president, emeritus, and with his effort and vision was made possible. Make a visit soon to the Battery to see the plaque and enjoy this truly special place.



Peaks Island Music Association Annual HOLIDAY CONCERT

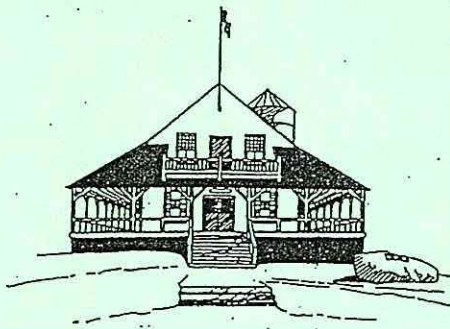
Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010

2:15 pm & 7:00 pm at Brackett Memorial.

CO-SPONSORED BY BRACKETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

An annual celebration of the Peaks Island Community. Nancy Hoffman, The Peaks Island Chorale, Nicole d'Entremont, Brackett Memorial Children's Choir, The Maine Squeeze, and much more: music, story-telling, puppets, and a mass choir of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Come celebrate with us!

\$5.00/person at the door.



FIFTH MAINE REGIMENT MUSEUM
P.O. Box 41
Peaks Island, Maine 04108

(207) 766-3330 • fifthmaine@juno.com

December means shopping for holiday gifts for friends and family. The Fifth Maine has an array of items that may fit your needs. How about a sweatshirt to keep warm in the coming months? Or a mug for that hot cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. Peaks Island note cards to keep in touch with summer friends? We have those too. And our Peaks Island history DVD is still available. We'll have a selection of items from our shop at the Jingle Bell Fair at Brackett Memorial Church on December 11. Or just call Kim at 766-5514.

The next four years is a time to remember and honor our Fifth Maine soldiers and families as well as all people who served during the Civil War. We are busy working with the Eighth Maine to prepare a variety of activities for all ages to learn more about that era. Please let us know if you have any suggestions or ideas for activities.

Finally, we wish all of our friends and neighbors a happy and peaceful holiday season.

PEAKS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM

Season's Greetings from PEAT! Here is our holiday wish list for Peaks Island:



Streets free of inoperative cars that take up parking spots & block plows & sweepers
Bottles recycled & kept out of the land fill

Street trees pruned & protected so they can continue to give us shade & clean our air
Ashtrays on every corner down front so that cigarette butts don't wash into Casco Bay
from our storm drains.



You could help Santa with this list: Call Paul to tow away your car if it doesn't run anymore. Return your bottles & cans to the store and donate the money to the Children's Workshop. Help care for street trees and work to get more planted. Urge the city to give us more containers for disposing of cigarettes. Attend the next PEAT meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday December 9 at 25 Crescent Avenue. Call 766-2377 if you need a ride.

Peaks Island Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The December CERT meeting will be at 6:15 PM Monday,
December 13th at the Community Center.

New members are always welcomed!

Please remember to have your house number displayed on your
home to help emergency responders.

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December at the Peaks Island Branch Library

in the Community Building

766-5540

email peaks@portland.lib.me.us

Hours Open: Tues 2-8 Wed 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12

CLOSED Saturdays, December 25 and January 1.

"Island to Island: Matinicus and Peaks Connect Through Letters" Author Eva Murray of Matinicus Island will be on Peaks to speak to adults at the Peaks Island Lecture Series on the evening of December 15 (See information below), but children in grades 3-5 are invited to a special time with her at the library earlier in the afternoon. If all goes according to plan, Eva will show us some pictures and tell us a bit about Matinicus and she will bring letters to Peaks from some of the children on her island. The Peaks Island students who attend can write letters back, answering the questions from Matinicus students and asking some of their own. This special time will begin at 1pm. All of this is, as she said, "weather permitting" as Matinicus is "Well Out to Sea."

After-School Drop In Program on Wednesday, December 8. Taylor Cusack is planning an afternoon of board games, starting at 1pm.

Nursery-Rhyme Time is on Wednesdays at 11, following the Community Playgroup across the hall.

PreSchool Story Time is on Fridays at 10:15.

First Tuesdays Book Discussion will meet December 7, to discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese; moderator will be Cheryl Higgins. The book for January 4 is *Heart in the Right Place* by Carolyn Jourdan. Call (766-5540) or email the library (peaks@portland.lib.me.us) to reserve a book. Please include your library card number. Each book discussion is open to anyone interested.

PEAKS ISLAND LECTURE SERIES

The Peaks Island Lecture Series is pleased to announce our third program of the season, featuring Eva Murray, author of *Well Out to Sea - Year-Round on Matinicus Island*. Eva will speak at the Inn on Peaks Island on Wednesday, December 15th, beginning at 6:30 pm. In addition to reading excerpts from her book, Eva is also going to present a selection of photographs that detail some of the more curious aspects of living on a remote island off the Maine coast, and discuss her methods for surviving the off-season, when the island ferry service runs once a month.

Many thanks to the generous individuals who have contributed to the "Bring Eva to Peaks Fund" We raised the full airfare to fly Eva off Matinicus, and now all we have to do is hope the weather cooperates and the planes are flying that day.

The Peaks Island Lecture Series offers a variety of speakers from the island and the mainland the chance to speak on a wide range of topics. Each lecture is held on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 6:30, and is presented in the reception hall at the Inn on Peaks Island. And it's FREE!



PEAKS ISLAND CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP: 71 Herman Avenue: 766-2854

www.picw.org

PICW will be closed on December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011 for our Winter Holiday Shut down. See you next year!!!

December WEDNESDAYS: HOLIDAY TRADITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS Come and share holiday traditions of the staff. Experience a variety of crafts, stories and holiday treats shared by our staff from their childhoods. December 1st, Festival of Light; December 8th, Holidays Around the World; December 15th, Holiday Traditions; December 22nd, Holiday Celebration. \$40 per Wednesday; \$35 for Club Members. Stay tuned for adventurous monthly activities offered for early release Wednesdays. Don't forget to sign up for the After School Club: annual school-year enrollment fee is \$25 and receive future discounts. Space is limited.

PEAKS ISLAND FOOD PANTRY: Please consider making a donation of canned and baked goods as well as left over paper supplies. The Food Pantry is getting ready for a long winter, too and supplies are low. Open Monday through Friday, 8:00 – 5:00. Delivery options available.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: We still have a few spaces open for children ages 2.5 to 5 for our preschool program. We are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and are rated as a "program of quality" as recognized by Maine's "Quality for ME" quality rating system. We have part-day and part-week options. Themes for September have included: the monarch butterfly, sunflowers, and families.

LOOKING FOR STOCKING STUFFERS? 2011 Boat Cruise Tickets, \$25; 2011 Peaks Island Calendars, \$15 (\$2/calendar goes to PICW); Peaks Island Coloring Books, \$10.

INFANT/TODDLER PLAY GROUP: Do you have young infants or toddlers? Would you like to come by the Workshop so that your children can explore our space and materials? Would you like to schmooze with other parents of young children? Come to the Workshop on Fridays from 10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. FREE!

Health Center Benefit

Are you looking for a Peaks Island souvenir or gift for a friend or relative? A copy of "Island Cookin' on the Rocks," available at Hannigan's, could be just what you are looking for. It's a cookbook full of time-tested tasty recipes compiled and published by Peaks Islanders to please the palate and to benefit the Health Center.

What's Happening in Our Community?

To find out about upcoming community events on Peaks Island, please visit www.PeaksIsland.info. There you'll find an online Peaks Island community calendar, as well as information about various island meeting places, links to the websites of many Peaks Island organizations and a listing of Peaks Island businesses.

If your organization has a community event it would like listed, just fill out and submit the entry form on the website. Please note that events listed on the calendar are limited to Peaks Island community events, including those sponsored by on-island groups, benefit events, and general non-commercial meeting notices.

St. Christopher's Catholic Church
Rector: Father Louis Phillips 773-7746
Parochial Vicar: Father Michael Seavey

Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM followed by brunch in the Parish House.
All are invited - details are on-line at www.cluster21portland.org,
which will also have the schedule for **Mass on Christmas Eve** at 6 PM.
Information: Baptism, Reconciliation & Marriage: Call Father Lou.
AA: Meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

Join us for our **First Annual Christmas Party** from 1-3 PM on
Sunday, December 5th at Jones Landing. We will feature games for the
kids, a gift table to do your shopping, a raffle with great prizes, delicious
refreshments and music by Peter Donnelly.

We will also host a Christmas Cupcake Contest so dust off your
best cupcake recipes and win a prize for the Biggest Cupcake, Cutest
Cupcake and Most "Christmasy" Cupcake. Enter by bringing a dozen
cupcakes to the party.

Judging by our Special Guest from the North Pole!

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Brackett Memorial United Methodist Church

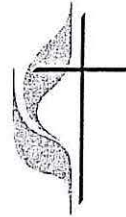
Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

We are a Welcoming, Inclusive, Reconciling Congregation

3 Church Street, Peaks Island, Maine, email: brackettmumc@yahoo.com

The Rev. Desi Larson, Pastor; Laura Glendening, Administrative Assistant

Phone: 207-766-5013 On the Internet: www.brackettmumc.org



Sunday Worship 10 a.m., with Sunday School & Childcare

December Activities

Scripture Study, Thursday mornings beginning Dec. 2, at 9:00 a.m., parsonage.

Children's Choir, Mondays, 2:45p.m.-3:15p.m. All children are welcome! For info contact
Mavourneen Thompson, 899-0108. ***Xmas Pageant Rehearsal***, Mon. Dec. 6, 3:30p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thursday afternoons at the parsonage, 12:30-2:30. All are welcome!
For more info call Rebecca Stephans, 766-3017.

Taizé Worship Service, Wednesday evenings, 5:30 p.m. Join us for quiet, low-key worship
with candlelight, silence, prayers, gentle music, and ecumenical readings.

Tween Night, Fridays, December 3 & 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m., fellowship hall. Drop in for pizza,
ping-pong & a movie. Open to all 6-8th graders. For info contact Celeste 766-5857.

Special Events

Sankta Lucia Pageant, Sunday, December 5th, 4:30 pm. Come see and hear this year's Lucia
and her attendants performing the traditional Swedish Christmas music. Join us
afterwards in the parish hall for Swedish non-alcoholic glögg and gingersnaps.

Brackett Holiday Fair, Saturday, December 11, 9am - 3pm. Join us for a lunch of Homemade
Soups and Bread. Shop at the Silent Auction and many Gift Tables. Crafter tables
available to rent for \$20. For more info please call Cathy Shaw, 766-3394.

Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 12, during 10 a.m. worship service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Carols and Verse, December 24, 7:00 p.m., featuring
Brackett Church's Choir directed by Jan Thomas.

PEAKS ISLAND HEALTH CENTER
87 Central Avenue P.O. Box 52 Peaks Island, Maine 04108
766-2929, Fax: 766-5073 www.peakshealth.org www.intermed.com

Office Hours

Tuesdays, 10am to 4pm. Kitty Gilbert, FNP, sees infants to adults

Fridays, 8:30am to 2:00pm. Lois Tiedeken, ANP, sees ages 13 and older

Mary Grimaldi, Clinical Assistant/Administrator, is on duty **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

NEW WINTER HOURS: Please note above that we will now be open on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, beginning Tuesday, December 7. We will still check messages when we are closed, so please leave a message and we will respond as quickly as possible.

Flu vaccine is still available. Please call to schedule an appointment if you have not yet received your flu vaccine.

The Health Center will be **closed on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31** for the Holidays.

Please call the office at 766-2929 to schedule appointments. If you call during business hours and no one answers the phone, it means we are either on the other line or we are assisting patients. Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!

Senior News

The storm and subsequent power outage on Monday the 8th of November didn't deter the intrepid Peaks Island seniors from attending the monthly pot luck luncheon. Many seniors attended and there were lively exchanges on the weather and the damage to the island from the storm. Because of the generator at the senior housing, the community room was toasty and all the utilities were working. We were all thankful!!

Turkey will be on the menu for the December pot luck luncheon. As usual the Lions Club donated the turkey. Therefore bring a side dish or a dessert. The pot luck luncheon will be held on Monday December 13th at 12:00 noon at the senior community room on Central Avenue.

All seniors are welcome. Plan to attend.

STAR NEWS

THANK YOU to the Peaks Island Lions and to the Trefethen-Evergreen Improvement Association (TEIA) for their generous annual contributions to the STAR. When the STAR was begun, the understanding was that it would be funded by proceeds from the copier and donations from individuals and Island organizations. Now that the copier is no longer profitable, the copier expenses and the STAR production are underwritten by the library and the Friends of the Library along with donations.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH'S STAR: Saturday, December 25, by 6pm, please. Since the deadline is a holiday, you may want to turn your articles in early, but not late, please.

PEAKS ISLAND TAX AND ENERGY ASSISTANCE

2010 is slowly winding down. Writing the PITEA article for the December STAR at Thanksgiving time gives us an opportunity to thank our friends and neighbors for all the support given to us over the last year. The decorations for this season's Festivals of Lights were up a little earlier this year, and just maybe we will see more prosperous and bright days ahead.

The cold winds are blowing outside and winter is on its way. Our energy funds are available to those who may need assistance. As always, if you know of a neighbor or friend who needs assistance, please encourage them to apply. It is possible for you fill out an application on their behalf. Our Clergy: Pastor Beau Boyle, Pastor Desi Larson, and retired Methodist Minister Ruth Williamson will accept applications and get the process started. We have been able to provide energy assistance and to keep the recipients anonymous.

The last six years have gone by quickly. What started as a small grass roots group has expanded to include energy as well as tax assistance. Our success has been very gratifying for PIETA members. Our Market American project is moving along slowly but surely. We hope you will take a look at the website ILovePeaks.com. The number of partner companies is one reason we chose to try this fundraising idea. We do hope you will pass the website on to others so that we can earn some of the funding we need for PIETA to continue.

We look forward to 2011 and we know our mission will continue. Year-round as well as seasonal property owners and renters are part of our team. We are already looking forward to a large item raffle next summer.

Meanwhile we will start Loaf and Ladle Dinners in January. We have not decided on a menu and will be looking for suggestions. One thing is certain – the food will be home made and delicious.

On another note, Fran Houston will have two book signings for '**For the Love of Peaks**' this month. Peaks Café will host the first on December 11th from 11a until 1p. The Gem Gallery will host the second on December 18th from 2.30p until 5p, featuring our wonderful Ronda Dale and Kevin Attra. A check will be presented to PITA for the gross sales this year. Affectionately, the Ladies of '**A Glimpse of Old Peaks Island**' will be joining her for both signings. Both books will also be available at the fair at the Inn on December 4th. Please join us!

Loretta Voyer Fund Craft Fair at the Inn December 4th, 9am – 2pm

Join Peaks Island artists and craftsmen in supporting the Loretta Voyer Fund.

Come to the Loretta Voyer Fund craft fair to find hundreds of **handmade gifts** and win beautiful **raffle prizes**. The Loretta Voyer Fund provides car ferry tickets to island residents with cancer, allowing them to travel to and from their hospital appointments more easily.

The craft fair is our annual fund raiser, but donations are accepted any time. Please send donations to The Loretta Voyer Fund, c/o Monique Levesque and Claire Fillietaz, 13 Greenwood Street, Peaks Island, ME 04108

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Recreation and Facilities Management

To reserve space and equipment in the community building, you must contact Denise at least two days in advance. Please plan ahead as Denise works just part-time on the island – Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Best way to contact Denise is via email at dlm@portlandmaine.gov or you may leave a message at 766-2970. The facility schedule is now on-line – you may check the room availability (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/rec/peaksislandcc.asp>) but you still need to contact Denise to reserve space.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

This annual event takes place at the living tree “down front” from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Visit with Santa, decorate the tree, sing carols and then join in the count down to the lighting of the tree. Refreshments at Peaks Café after the outdoor celebration. Please bring a Food Pantry donation with you (leave at the café). Non-perishable food items and/or monetary donations accepted.

“OPEN HOUSE” - GETTING AN EARLY START

Friday, December 3 Drop in between 11:00am & 3:15pm
Come to the community room and start your holiday “to do” list early. Get ideas for gifts from the kitchen, bring cards to write or help make decorations for PI’s “living tree”.

1st MONDAY FUN-PRESCHOOLERS/ADULTS

Enjoy some time being creative with your little ones – children must be accompanied by an adult. Make holiday “gifts” using recycled items. We’ll have fun dancing too. Pre-registration appreciated, but not required.

Monday, December 6 11am-12 noon, com. room
Monday, January 3 11am-12 noon, com. room

BINGO FUN – w/ some new & “interesting” prizes

Please bring items for PI Food Pantry
Thursday, December 16 (community room)
10:45 – 11:45 am BYO lunch if you’d like

SPECIAL “IN-TOWN” SHOPPING TRIP: THURS.12/9

10:00 am boat; Christmas Tree Shop & more! (w/ van fee)
Sign-up sheet on Denise’s door or call 874-8870 if interested

LAUGHTER in the AFTERNOON (com. rm)

Monday, Dec. 27 Please see bulletin boards for schedule
Everyone is invited to laugh with such stars as Harold Lloyd, Laurel and Hardy, Lucy and Ricky – and more!

RING IN THE NEW YEAR – (for all ages)

Thursday, December 30 Drop in between 11am & 2pm
Come to the community room to say “good bye” to 2010 and to celebrate the New Year! There will be something for everyone: laughter, board games, craft making & snacks!

ON-GOING EXERCISE PROGRAMS - ADULTS

Lots of room available! Please join us!
FMI: please leave a message for Denise at 766-2970

Walk Program: Mondays and Thursdays

8:15 am – meet at PI Community Center

Low-Impact Aerobics w/ Weights: Mondays and Thursdays

9:30 – 10:30 am at PI Community Center

Adult Basketball: Tuesday evening

6:00 – 7:50 pm at PI School Gym (\$2 per night)
No basketball during school vacation and on no-school days



Saturday Night Movies in December



Free in the Community Room – Sponsored by the Friends of the Peaks Island Library

Dec	6 PM	Dec	8 PM
4	<i>A Hard Day's Night</i> (1964) G, 92 min	4	<i>The Piano</i> (1992) R, 121 min
11	<i>Miracle on 34th Street</i> (1947) G, 96 min	11	<i>A Christmas Tale</i> (2009) NR, 152 min
18	<i>A Christmas Story</i> (1983) PG, 83 min	18	<i>The Time Machine</i> (1960) G, 103 min
25	<i>The Movies will be taking a break this Saturday AND next, New Year's Day – Happy New Year from the Peaks Island Film Academy – your neighbors who volunteer every week to bring you the movies.</i>		

Children must be accompanied by an adult.